

161-169

Rome

LUCIUS VERUS

Co-emperor Marcus Aurelius & Commodus

160AD

DURANT

GALEN, physician
PAUSANIAS, geographer

The Temple of the Deified Faustina
was rededicated in 161

In 1602 it was remodelled to the
Church of San Lorenzo in Miranda

31 Aug. 161

Commodus was born LUCIUS
AURELIUS COMMODUS at LANUVIUM
some 14 miles south-east of Rome.

He was the 10th of Marcus's 14
children, and one of twins. This
twin died at age 4. Commodus
became the only son of the imperial
couple to survive infancy.

161-180

Principate of Marcus Aurelius
Antoninus!

Marcus Aurelius ~~et~~ Imperator

7 March 161

Death of Antoninus Pius
Accession of Marcus Aurelius
who confers equal powers on
LUCIUS VERUS

161-169

DURANT

Co-reign of Lucius Verus.

Institutions of Grains.

161 → 180 AD

born 121 died 180 AD

MARCUS AURELIUS ANTONINUS
Nephew and adopted son of
Antoninus Pius

161-169
reigned

Lucius Verus ruled with Marcus
Aurelius as Emperor (& Empress) until
death of Verus, then Marcus alone

161-180 AD

MARCUS AURELIUS ANTONINUS

Nephew and adopted son of Antoninus Pius, was the next emperor. He was a philosopher and student. He belonged to the STOIC school, but in him that stern philosophy, without losing its lofty tone, was softened by a gracious gentleness. His THOUGHTS is one of the world's noblest books, deeply religious, and closer to the spirit of Christ than any other writing of the pagan world.

The tests of Marcus Aurelius made him wish to continue in his father's footsteps, but he had

161-180

Reigned

Marcus Aurelius was Emperor
Lucius Verus was also Emperor
161 → 169. After Verus died
Marcus Aurelius ruled alone
Marcus was benevolent and
humane but he brutally persecuted
the Christians. There also was an
increasing number of interior
rebellions and attacks on the empire's

borders

161-180 AD

Principat of Marcus Aurelius

161 AD

MARCUS AURELIUS & LUCIUS VERUS
succeeded Antoninus Pius

161-180

Time of Marcus Aurelius
Ludi numbered 135 (up from 85)

161 AD

Death of Antoninus Pius
Marcus Aurelius, emperor
made Lucius Verus, his
colleague.

161-180 AD.

MARCUS AURELIUS

He was the adopted son of Antoninus Pius and a great scholar.

There was a famine in Rome and Sardin returning from Asia brought the Asiatic plague. Whole villages perished. This was thought to be due to Christians who were supposed to have angered the Roman gods, hence they were persecuted. The emperor

also feared the results of the secret
meetings of the Christians.

There was war with the MARCOMANI
and QUADI. He found great difficulty in
protecting the frontier against these
barbarians. He died in VIENNA while
strengthening the protection of the
frontier.

161-180

Marcus Aurelius was emperor

161 AD & 180 AD

last of "5 good emperors"

Marcus Aurelius ruled 161 AD & 180 AD
approached Plato's ideal of the "philosopher
king" and preferred the quiet contemplation
of his books. He was repeatedly troubled
by invasion of Germanic tribes across
the Danube. While engaged in his
Germanic campaigns he wrote his "Meditations"
a philosophical work (lofty stoic idealism)

Area from Britain to the Euphrates
and from the North Sea to the Sahara
contained upwards of 100 million people